

10 May 1955

On file HHS release instructions apply.

MEMORANDUM FOR:

FROM:

Chairman, NIS Committee

SUBJECT:

Request from U. S. Public Health Service,
Department of Health, Education and Welfare (HEW)
for CIA Intelligence Support

1. The following comments are submitted in response to your memorandum of 19 April 1955, subject as above.

2. The Department of Health, Education and Welfare is now receiving NIS Sections 45 (Health and Sanitation), and 46 (Public Welfare). This is a continuation of the dissemination of these sections to the Federal Security Agency, predecessor of HEW, under provisions of IAC D-45/12, (Revision 4) dated 10 June 1953. Sections 45 and 46 treat with the basic intelligence aspects of several of the fields in which HEW has indicated intelligence requirements. Similar treatment in the other fields listed by HEW is found in NIS Chapter VII (Scientific) and VIII (Armed Forces). Dissemination of these elements to HEW will require approval of the NIS Committee, and authorization by the IAC. However, before initiating action to obtain such approval and authorization the appropriateness and need of making these elements available to HEW appear to warrant further study.

3. Under the provisions of the IAC-D-20 series of directives the FCDA is now receiving the intelligence materials needed for civil defense purposes from CIA and the Defense Agencies. In addition to the NIS the FCDA receives estimates of various types, technical reports, and other related intelligence required for civil defense planning, and the broad scope of these materials should enable FCDA to provide the intelligence support needed by HEW for its civil defense mission. While the agreement under which FCDA is receiving intelligence materials precludes passing them on to HEW, the use of such intelligence for developing the assumptions, criteria and standards called for in FCDA Delegation No. 1 would appear to be proper utilization of these materials, and should result in adequate guidance to HEW. It does not appear, therefore, that dissemination of additional NIS to HEW is necessary.

- 1 - Dissemination to HEW - IAC (complete set of courses)
- 2 - Special Requests under "NIS" 20000
- 3 - 5 sets
cc all courses in
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4. With respect to the NIS being furnished to the FCDA attention is invited to the fact that this is the only non-IAC Agency receiving NIS under authorization of an IAC directive other than IAC-D-45/12. Further, it is understood that NIS elements are being furnished only on specific request of FCDA. It is suggested that consideration be given to ascertaining FCDA's requirements on a world-wide basis, and that these requirements be incorporated in the IAC-D-45/12 series, which will assure dissemination of needed NIS to that agency on a continuing basis.

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